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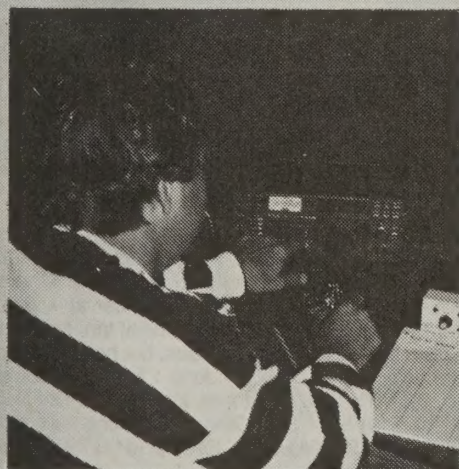
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ABOUT THE COVER



Dave Toth, VE3GYQ (that's Dr Dave to you, and we won't tell you what his VHF friends call him), takes the night shift at the 2-metre position, VE3QST, during last year's Field Day. Plan to take part in this year's Field Day, June 23-24. ■

It Seems to Us.../Il nous semble...

The Romance of AM Phone

In the beginning, there was spark. Then CW took over. Then crystal-controlled CW and Fone, which in the early days meant AM. There were excursions into other modes, but for half a century, Amateur Radio was divided into CW Men and Fone Men—and Fone still meant AM. CW drove out spark completely and no one ever went back to self-excited oscillator transmitters after crystal control and decent VFOs became available. But AM became a survivor. Some amateurs continued operating AM, ignoring SSB and even splendidly isolating themselves from it, claiming that SSB was an unpleasant aggressive mode that went against the spirit of Amateur Radio.

If you have tuned across the HF phone bands lately, you have noticed a growing number of amateurs using AM and enjoying it immensely. These amateurs are fully aware that AM is less efficient and requires more spectrum space than SSB. They don't care. Not *that* much more space is required when AM stations form a roundtable, and who really cares how much electricity you have to buy from the utility company to work your friend in Moose Jaw? AM is fun, and its use squares nicely with some current trends in Amateur Radio.

Almost everybody has an old receiver, perhaps a Hallicrafters or a National, a medium-priced set that works great for listening to the BBC. Why bother with this junk? Most of us do it because playing around with the old gear recaptures a lost feeling of Amateur Radio the way it was—or we think it was—which comes to the same thing in 1990. It is relaxing to turn a knob you can actually handle without needlenosed fingers. The warm yellow glow of an SX-28 S-meter cannot be duplicated in art or nature. And there's nothing more orderly and reassuring than a nice row of tubes with warm filaments, promising pleasure or a little excitement.

It is impossible to have these kinds of feelings towards neat, modern rigs that don't even get warm. AM equipment is gear of the forties and fifties, the salad days of US manufacturers when everything from Heathkit novice transmitters to Collins and Johnson kilowatts could be put on phone. Of course, that fabulous old gear is part of the fun of AM today.

But today's AM is by no means all commercial gear. Many amateurs build or restore the classic homebrew designs of yesteryear. AM is accessible to the average amateur today, whether in terms of parts, gadgets, knowledge or skills required. And today, as always, AM men

take their signal quality very seriously. There is even a small industry developing around the modification of audio circuits and the elimination of design flaws in certain manufactured gear.

But there is more to AM than restoring or building. Forget what they taught you in community college. All the intelligence in a phone signal is *not* contained in one sideband, and the carrier is *not* a dead freeloader soaking up power. The carrier is extremely significant. Psychologically, it is indispensable.

When an AM operator hits the transmit switch, that lovely fat carrier comes bang on the air, bending S-meters for miles around. Without saying a word, the operator has established what he's doing: he is "on the air".

The expression "on the air" is part of AM phone. With SSB, when you aren't talking, you aren't "on the air", even if your microphone button is depressed. Being "on the air" means having the frequency for a few moments. It's like having the floor in a discussion. You are having your little time in the limelight.

Since your carrier establishes that you are "on the air", there is no need to hurry about what you have to say. In fact, old-timers usually wait for a moment before they start to speak, just to let the carrier soak in at the receiving end. In the old days, this delay was planned so the receiving operator could bring his drifting receiver onto frequency before the conversation resumed. Nowadays, it's more like a tip of the hat to tradition and the romance of the carrier. It makes "on the air" really mean something.

Since you are "on the air", there is no need to hem and haw between ideas and words. SSB operators do this to keep their VOXs locked on in a vain attempt to create a sense of being "on the air". In SSB, there's a good chance that if you *aren't* talking, someone else will be. This results in the edginess and sense of hurry found in most SSB operators' speech, as each operator desperately tries to think of something to say to hold the frequency. Not so in AM. The carrier takes care of that. You have all the time you can decently use. You "make a transmission" in the same way that Radio Canada International makes a transmission.

Of course, that carrier is what the S-meters responds to. Strong carriers establish a strong, manly presence, heavy with the significance of being "on the air" and all its nuances. Weak carriers are like little

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OPPOSES RESTRUCTURING

I think that Amateur Radio is great, but I do not agree with the Restructuring of the Amateur Service proposals, particularly almost giving Amateur licences to those who don't have the interest to do what we had to do to get our licences.

It took me a full year of working CW and studying theory to get an Advanced licence only two years ago. Why should all those who decided just to stay on two metres and put no effort into upgrading be given an Advanced? I think that those who are involved in this restructuring should reconsider. —Russel Canning, VE1VAZ, Westville, NS

AMATEUR RADIO MUSEUM

We are a unique and relatively new museum devoted mainly to artifacts related to Amateur Radio. We are constructing a new building on the grounds of the Manitoba Agricultural Museum in Austin, Manitoba, in May of this year.

We would like to solicit your support. We are looking for donations of money and/or equipment for our museum. All donations will be recognized: donations of equipment on the displays themselves, donations of money on a special plaque.

The museum is located where 60,000 people visit each year. We have a complete amateur station in operation during

events taking place on the grounds. We are committed to a single purpose: collecting, preserving and exhibiting articles related to Amateur Radio. —Duncan Emerson, VE4OD, President, Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum, Inc, Box 10, Austin, MB R0H 0C0

Calendar



Attention: Deadline for items is the 1st of the second month preceding the month of publication. For example, information would have to reach *QST Canada* by January 1 to be included in a March issue.

ARRL Field Day: June 23–24. See May *QST* for details.

Boissevain, MB/Dunseith ND: 27th International Hamfest, July 13–15, at the International Peace Gardens on the Canada-US border. Camping, "Ham of the Year" award, mobile judging, bunny hunts, barbecue and breakfast, amateur and non-amateur activities. Talk-in on 146.52-MHz simplex. For more information, contact Dave Snyder, VE4XN, 25 Queens Cr, Brandon, MB R7B 1G1, Tel (204) 728-2463.

Burlington, ON: Ontario Hamfest, July 7, at Milton Fairgrounds. Sponsored by Burlington Amateur Radio Club (BARC). 807 garden, beef-on-a-bun, radio demonstrations, inside and outside flea markets. Opens 9 a.m., 8 a.m. for vendors. Admission: \$5, \$3 for spouses, children under 12 free. Inside tables: commercial vendors only, donate a prize; outside tables: bring your own! Talk-in on VE3RBC, 147.21(+) MHz. For more information, contact BARC, Box 835, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y7.

CARF Canada Day Contest: July 1. See June *TCA* for details.

Chatham, ON: Special-event station VE3CRC, Chatham-Kent Amateur Radio Club, will operate on the phone portions of all HF bands, from the Chatham Highland Games on June 2, and from the Chatham Festival of Nations, June 28–30. For special certificate(s), send QSL card to VE3CRC, Box 284, Chatham, ON N7M 5K4.

Kitchener, ON: Central Ontario Amateur Radio Flea-market. June 2, at Bingeman Park, 1380 Victoria Street. Sponsored by Guelph and Kitchener-Waterloo ARCs. Ontario's premier flea market. Opens 8 a.m., vendor setup 6 a.m. Admission: \$5. Tables (all inside, no outside vendors): \$8. Talk-in on VE3KSR, 146.97 MHz(–), VE3ZMG, 144.21 MHz(–), and 146.52 simplex.

Orillia, ON: Annual Olde Tyme Radio Operators' Reunion, Thursday, June 21, at Couchiching Park. Look for VE3 licence plates and meet near Champlain's Monument at 2:30 p.m. Cash bar at 4 p.m., dinner 5–7 p.m., Saturn Room, Sundial Inn, five minutes from the park. A few surprises, but no speeches. Dinner tickets \$16. Order by June 1 from Bob "Ding" Dunn, VE3ATK, 318 Short Ave, Woodstock, ON N4S 4B1, Tel (519) 537-7343. Other information from Roy Bennet, VE3VS, Willowdale, ON, Tel (416) 493-5526.

Red Deer, AB: Annual Picnic, June 15–17, at Burbank Campsite, 2.5 km east of Highway 2A on Highway 597, then 3 km south. Sponsored by Central Alberta Amateur Radio League. Activities for amateurs and the whole family. Registration: \$15 per family unit camping, \$10 per single unit camping, \$10 for optional private stall, \$6 per person not camping. Registration includes all activities and Sunday pancake breakfast. Saturday barbecue extra: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child.

The Canadian Radio Relay League, Inc La Ligue Canadienne de la Radio Amateur, Inc



The Canadian Radio Relay League (CRRL) is a noncommercial association of radio amateurs organized for the promotion of Amateur Radio communications and experimentation, for the establishment of networks to provide communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies, for the advancement of the radio art and the public welfare, for the representation of radio amateurs in legislative and other matters, and for the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct.

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CRRL is the Canadian member-society of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). "Of, by and for the Canadian Radio Amateur", CRRL numbers within its ranks the vast majority of active amateurs in the nation and has a proud history of achievement in amateur affairs.

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At Work with the Red Cross

What they're doing in Alberta...

By Jon Marles, VE6BIW; Len Kochan, VE6LEN;
Gus Baker, VE6AK; and Bill Goodwin of
Emergency Services, National Red Cross

SOS! Help! Grab those radios! A group of Alberta amateurs are helping ensure that the Red Cross is ready to respond quickly and efficiently to disaster situations.

When the 1987 tornado ripped through a corridor in east Edmonton, several local amateurs set up a station and makeshift antennas, and handled emergency traffic for Red Cross House. From this experience, both Amateur Radio operators and Red Cross staff learned how important Amateur Radio communications can be in time of emergency.

Today, a well-equipped station, VE6RCE, is in place should a serious and large-scale disaster strike again. A 48-foot tower with a three-element triband beam and 80- and 40-metre dipoles sit atop the three-story Red Cross Building. An IC-761, an MFJ tuner and two 2-metre rigs are installed. The station has standby power supplied by a 45-kW generator fuelled by natural gas. An IBM computer with a PK-88 TNC is in operation. A new PK-232 TNC should be available soon.

pleted across Canada and overseas. Twenty amateur volunteers are now on the station roster, and picture ID cards will soon be issued. Several training sessions have been held. A telephone tree (fan-out system) is in place for calling operators in case of emergency, with primary and secondary VHF frequencies established in case telephones do not work. Computer programs are being prepared to transform various Red Cross message formats to the standard CRRL CD-3 format.

The 20 amateurs who volunteered their time and effort to establish and/or operate VE6RCE are VE6s ADV, AKY,



expand as more Red Cross stations come on the air. A snap exercise in February had nine operators report within 20 minutes. Stations similar to the one in Edmonton are being established in other cities. VE6RCG in Grande Prairie, using antennas ready to connect to rigs brought in by amateurs, is up and running. Red Deer, using the callsign VE6RCR, has office space set aside. Negotiations are now under way with the leaseholder of the building so the amateurs can use an existing structure for their antennas. VE6RCR is expected to be in operation by late spring or early summer.



The VE6RCE Red Cross station has been in operation on HF and VHF since September, 1989. Schedules have been maintained with VE6RCG in Grande Prairie, and many QSOs have been com-

AYM, AVP, BAB, BBU, BGQ, BIW, BJO, BOS, BRQ, DD, EWA, JER, LEN, MGS, MJ, MRT, OA and XV.

Regular exercises with other Alberta Red Cross stations have started and will

Left: Bill Goodwin, Acting National Coordinator, Emergency Services, Red Cross, presents a certificate to Edmonton-area ARES Coordinator Gus Baker, VE6AKY, at the official opening of VE6RCE. Above: VE6AKY works on the VE6RCE tower.

Calgary amateurs have had trouble obtaining permission to run their coax, but Red Cross there agrees with the concept of amateur involvement, and intends to set up a full base station as soon as time and resources permit. Leithbridge amateurs have their tower up supporting an inverted-V. They have a packet node operating on HF with the callsign VE6LBR. Initial meetings about setting up a Red Cross station have been held in Medicine Hat, and amateurs at Fort McMurray, Lloydminster and Yellowknife are being encouraged to raise funds for equipment and participate in Alberta's growing Red Cross communications network.

All across Alberta, various Red Cross locations are working to establish emergency stations staffed by Amateur Radio volunteers, with VE6RCE as net control station for the Red Cross Alberta-Northwest Territories Division. A minimum standard for each location is an antenna on the roof ready for immediate connection to a rig, and an operational agreement with local amateurs.

Across Canada, many cities have already made arrangements to use Amateur Radio communications in time of emergency. Amateurs in the BC lower mainland have a motor home with state-of-the-art equipment ready for any emergency in that area. Winnipeg and Halifax amateurs have stations at Red Cross locations. Work is being done to establish a station at the Red Cross national office in Ottawa. The aim is to create a nationwide network similar to that being established on a provincial scale in Alberta.

Moving abroad, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) established radio station HBC88 at its headquarters in Geneva in 1963. It communicates with more than 22 stations worldwide. Over 36000 messages are sent and another 32000 messages are received annually. HF equipment includes some 400 transmitters. VHF equipment includes some 750 transceivers. ITU has assigned special frequencies (not in the amateur bands) to the Red Cross. Red Cross knows the value of radio communications and lately, has recognized the emergency communications capabilities of Amateur Radio and the dedication of volunteer Amateur Radio operators.

Amateurs can offer Red Cross immediate and effective communications that cannot be duplicated in any other way. If your emergency group would like to become involved in this kind of work, call the local Red Cross division in your area. A growing network is being established. You can be in on the ground floor! ■

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IPARN Update

At the stroke of midnight, New Year's Eve, 1989, IPARN, the Inter-provincial Amateur Radio Network joined forces with high technology and tested its VHF communications concept using a commercial geostationary satellite.

IPARN has been working towards building a Canada-wide communications network since its formation in 1988. This network will consist of numerous VHF and UHF "terrestrial" repeaters already in place across Canada. These repeaters already serve a major part of the Canadian amateur population, providing reliable general purpose mobile and emergency communications on a regional basis. Using a commercial geostationary satellite will enable IPARN to link these local-coverage repeaters and create an integrated communications system.



The IPARN satellite dish in Burnaby, BC.

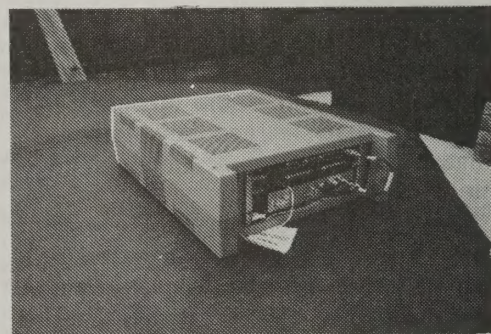
The January test was a major milestone in reaching IPARN's objective. During the test, a repeater network in British Columbia covering an area from the Lower Fraser Valley to the Southern Caribou was connected to a similar repeater network in Alberta. This Alberta network covers most of the province south of Red Deer.

IPARN used a narrow-band FM single-channel per carrier (SCPC) format on the Anik C2 (Ku band) satellite. The 7.5-kHz channel was operated on a press-to-talk (PTT) basis for an entire month. Both the satellite and the ground equipment were evaluated.

The test marked a world's first for Amateur Radio and satellite communications. It was the first large-scale VHF communications system using a satellite. Amateurs in western Canada communicated across the Rockies using nothing more than handheld VHF radios. The test also included packet radio. This ensured that data systems could be used in the final configuration. News of the test made its way to the HF bands. The air waves were "buzzing" about this new development in Amateur Radio.

The IPARN test was closely watched by government and commercial interests.

Both made positive comments. INFOSAT, a Canadian company based in Burnaby, British Columbia, assisted IPARN with the use of their facilities. Nigel Bailey, president of INFOSAT, was eager to see this innovative use of satellite technology. The federal and provincial governments were interested in the emergency communications aspects. IPARN organization does include a Director of Emergency Planning whose role is making the network available for emergencies. Earthquake, oil spills, forest fires and severe weather are all examples of emergencies where the new network could be useful.



The Anik earth station "indoor unit".

IPARN is supported by a growing membership base across Canada. For more information, contact IPARN, Dept 290, Box 3156, Langley, BC V3A 4R5. ■

VHF-UHF

We ran out of room! The following are holdovers from last month's VHF-UHF column:

ACTIVITY REPORTS

1296 MHz: More new stations are appearing on 23 cm including VE3EMS, VE3FAC and VE3FVW. Richard, VE3FAC, has developed a jig for making loop yagis. Once in production, these antennas will be available at a reasonable price. Sinclab's VE3BFM is investigating volume production of high power (150 watts) water-cooled 23-cm amplifiers based on the N6CA design.

Members of the VE7VHF group are working on amplifiers for OSCAR mode L, and discovering the joys of terrestrial 23-cm SSB. Scott, VE7FYC, is one of the sparkplugs. More on these keen fellows in a future column.

Tasmania will be QRV on 23-cm EME in the near future, thanks to Moss, VK7IK of Hobart, who will be running a 5-metre dish, a KK7B no-tune transverter and an N6CA 200-watt final. Thanks to VHF, UHF and Above for the info.

10 GHz: The San Diego Microwave Group has a number of PC boards available for 10-GHz Gunnplexer systems. For information, send an SASE to Chuck, WB6IGP, 6345 Badger Lake, San Diego, California, USA, 92119.

See you all in the June VHF QSO Party —Dana Shtun, VE3DSS ■

High Power Amplifier

A homemade socket puts a 4CX1000A on the air...

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The main focus of this article is socket construction. However, for those interested, I have included the schematic of a complete HF amplifier RF deck. 4CX1000A (and the more powerful 4CX1500A) tetrodes are often available at fleamarkets at reasonable cost, but sockets for these tubes are rare birds indeed. Here is a homemade socket that works as well as the commercial units.

Socket Construction

Two 2" x 4" x 8" chassis are used back to back as shown in the drawings. The bottom of the 4CX1000 is centred on a 4" x 8" surface, and a pattern is drawn and cut out. Be precise! The tube is then inserted and twisted 120 degrees so the screen tabs are lined up with the chassis tabs. The tube is compressed onto the chassis using its teflon holder which is attached to the chassis cover. Because the screen tabs of the tube are on top, they act as anchor points, making a neat, compact package.

The upper chassis is pressurized so the bulk of the air from a small blower emerges through the plate fins. Some air also escapes along the sides of the tube and cools the ceramic seals.

Wiring and Operation

Normally, the cathode of a 4CX1000 runs at "ground potential" and the screen grid runs at +300 volts. With this homemade socket, the screen grid is connected to the chassis. As a result, the screen grid is at ground potential. Thus, for the 4CX1000 to function properly, the cathode must be made negative, 300 volts worth, with respect to the screen. This will require a special power supply. I will be glad to furnish details. Write to me at the address given in the byline above.

The tube is grid-driven in the passive mode. A 50-watt non-inductive resistor from the input coupling capacitor to the chassis makes the amplifier "user friendly" to its driver. I find it takes about 25 watts of drive to produce full output. Stability is excellent on all bands.

Conclusion

When working with tubes, especially in high-power amplifiers, there are lethal voltages about. Be careful! Know what you are doing! Still a high-power amplifier makes an excellent project. Why not start locating that 4CX1000A now? ■

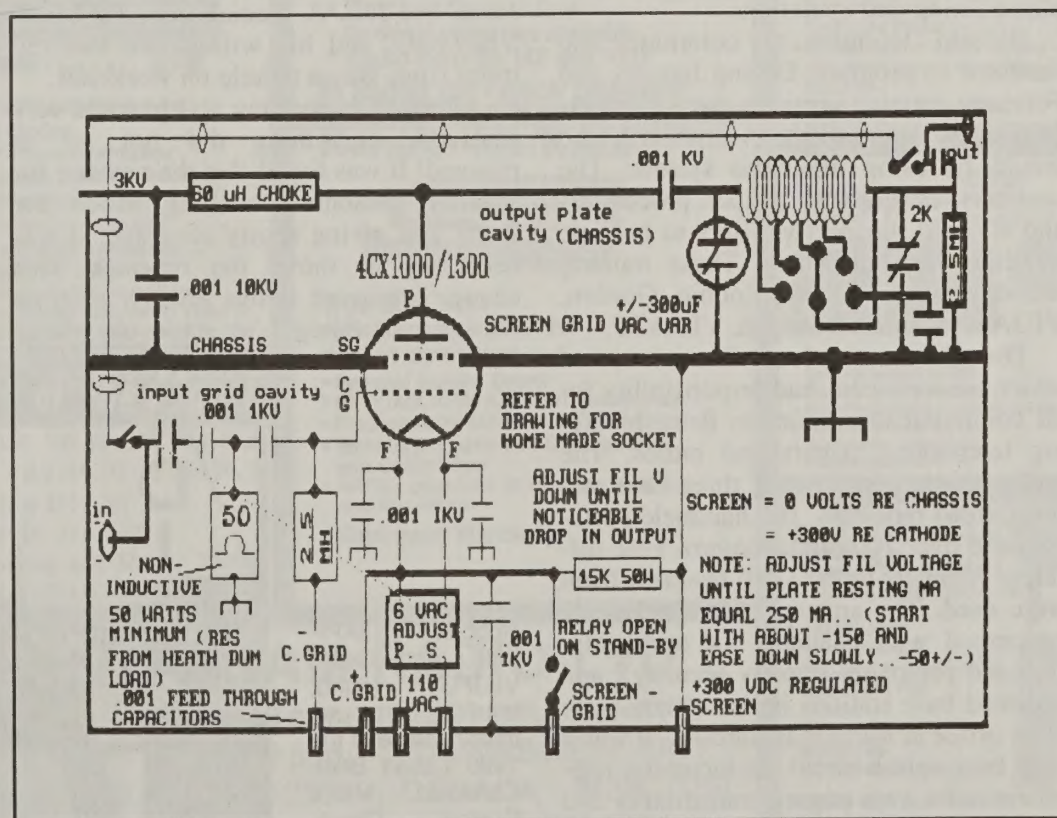
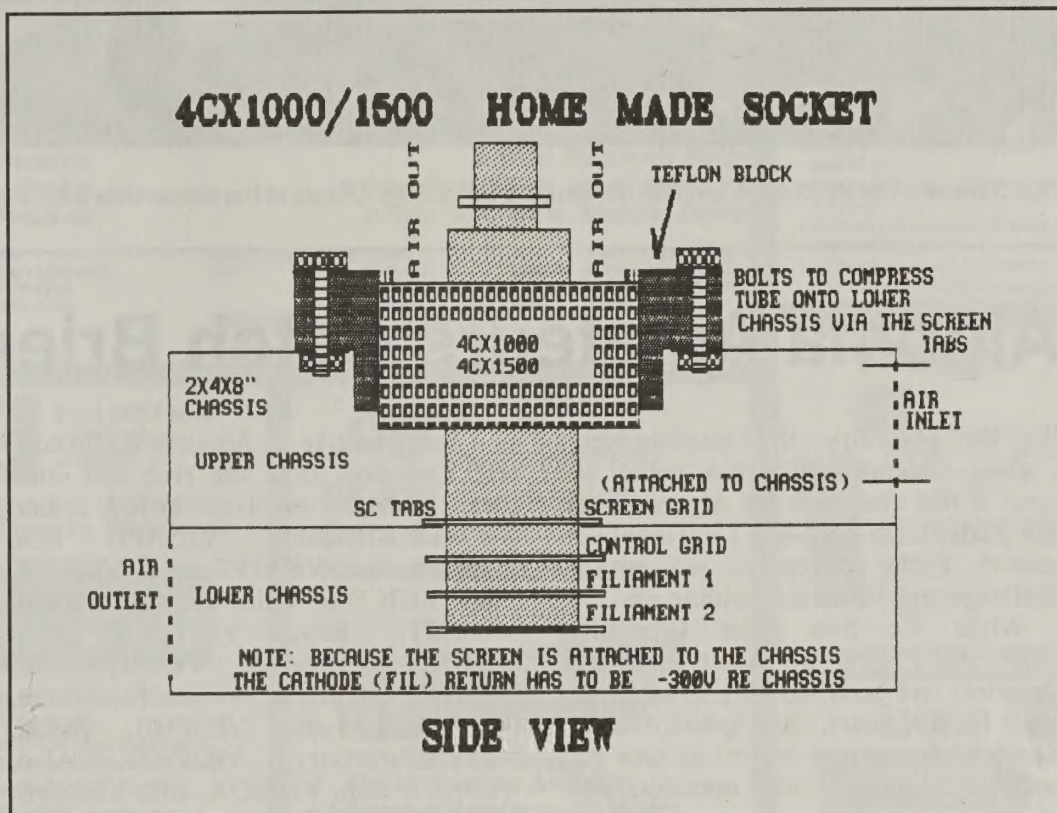
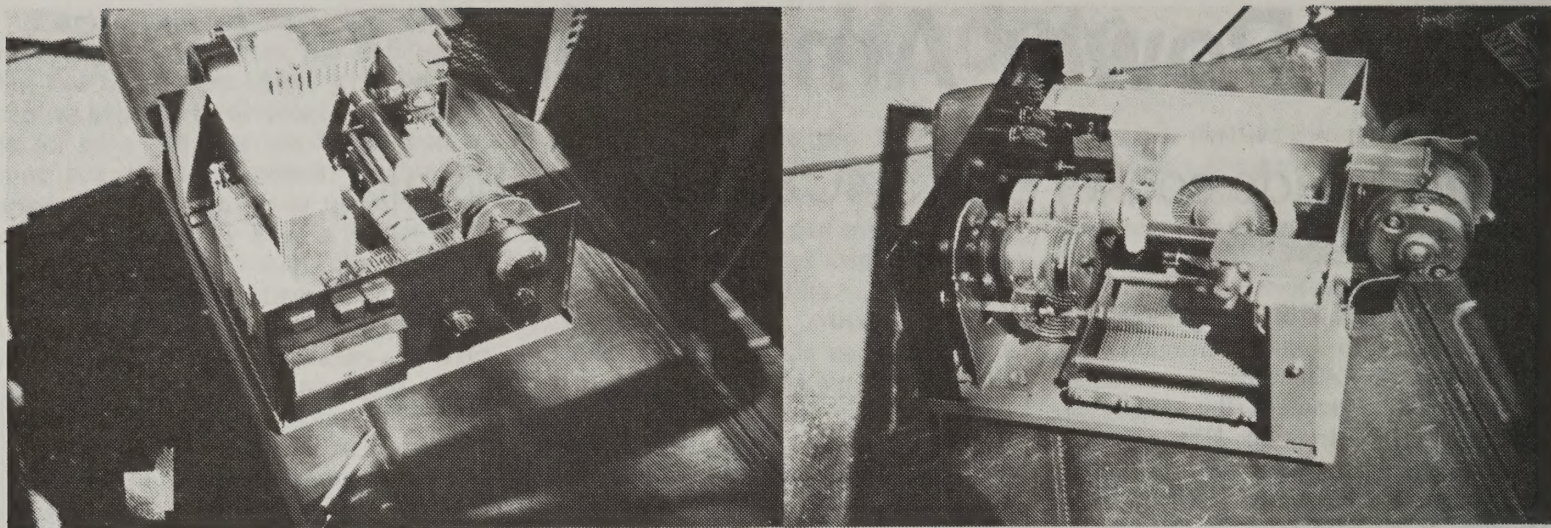


Fig 1 (above)—The homemade 4CX1000A socket. Chassis bottoms face down. Fig 2 (below)—The amplifier. Screen grid is at "ground potential", cathode is at negative 300 volts with respect to the screen. Note: disconnect the screen supply if the plate supply fails! (VE3GK drawings)



Figs 3 and 4—The 4CX1000A amplifier constructed by VE3GK. Details of the homemade tube socket can be clearly seen. (Photos by the author)

Algoma Amateurs Catch Brier Fever

Well the Labatt Brier, the Canadian Men's Curling Championship, has come and gone: a real challenge for Algoma Amateur Radio Club and some 1300 other volunteers. From all reports, we met the challenge and did an outstanding job!

While the Soo Brier Committee (Soo—that's short for Sault Ste-Marie, Ontario!) had been working towards this event for five years, the Algoma Amateur Radio Club was not invited to take part and supply trained radio operators until late in 1989. A club committee headed by Brent MacMillen, VE3OTL, was set up to plan training and operations.

By mid-December, the committee had finalized its program. During January and February, training seminars were conducted for the over 400 non-amateurs who would be using the radio system. The seminars emphasized proper procedures and allowed prospective users to become familiar with equipment. These training sessions were led by Robbie Gordon, VE3APP, and Jim Scotland, VE3ADP.

The Communications Committee, of which we were part, had responsibility for all communications for the Brier including telephones, pagers and radios. The radio system consisted of three base stations, three repeaters, 100 handheld portables and over 100 digital pagers. Five different channels in the UHF business band were used. The amateurs were primarily concerned with channels for transportation and personnel (mostly security), and operated base stations in the communications office at Memorial Gardens. It was a very busy spot with all the incoming telephone calls, two paging transmitters and two voice base stations operating from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. every day.

Operators worked long shifts, sometimes boringly dull shifts, but occasional-

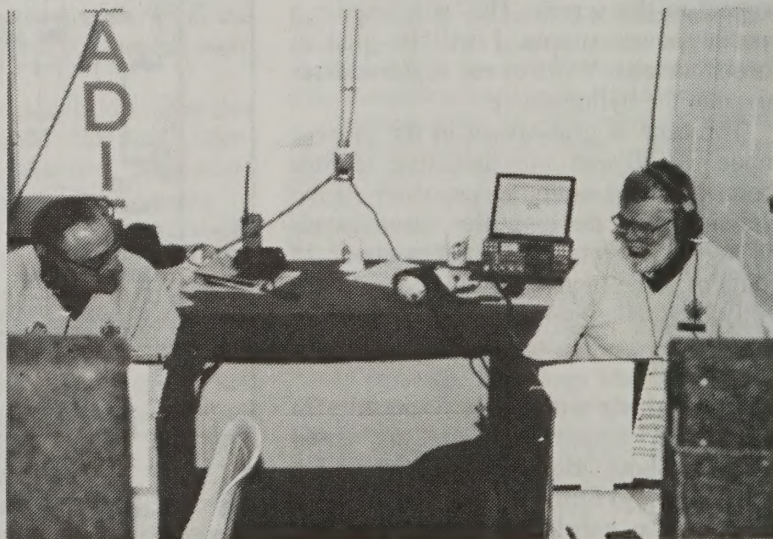
ly it was a bit like an Amateur Radio contest. Operators from the club and other local amateurs involved included Jim, VE3ADP, Robbie, VE3APP, Ben, VE3BPS, Ron, VE3BVF, Sean, VE3CTF, Walt, VE3CWE, Wilf, VE3EOW, Geoff, VE3FGT, Roy, VE3FOD, Ken, VE3GWN, Howard, VE3JIP, Cliff, VE3JIX, Fraser, VE3KOF, Brent, VE3OTL, Garry, VE3PHB, Susan, VE3PHG, Gary, VE3PHM, Alan, VE3RET, Bob, VE3SDX, Bill, VE3SYS, Norbert, VE3TNL, John, VE3UFO, Dirk, VE3UNX, and club associate members Jason and Jeff. A special mention: Mark, VE3MOU, and his wife drove the 150 miles from Wawa to help on weekends.

Although everything was planned very carefully, everything did not go as planned! It was found that the repeater for security personnel working inside the arena was giving spotty coverage. It was necessary to move the repeater. This change improved things greatly. Also no one gave a thought to static electricity.

But with the very cold, dry weather, carpeted floors, woolen sweater uniforms and so on, static did occur. It played havoc with the computers keeping track of the paging and telephone calls. However, once the operators of the paging system were grounded (literally), the problem stopped! It was a point to remember for future operations.

Comments from the Curling Executive and from the curlers themselves indicated that this was the best Brier ever, and that the Soo had been a wonderful place in which to hold it. The radio club was certainly on display and comments received from the Brier's National Executive and its local committee were that we had done an outstanding job. Added to this were the comments of the operators themselves: they enjoyed the operation and were even caught up in the excitement of the occasion. All in all, we felt Algoma Amateur Radio Club could be proud of a job well done. —Jim Scotland, VE3ADP, and Walt Kimball, VE3CWE

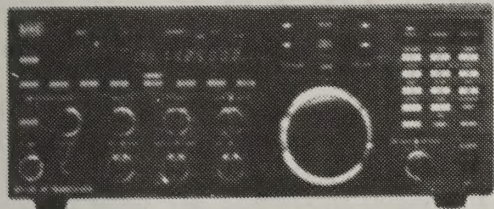
Robbie, VE3APP (left), and Geoff, VE3FGT (right), man the communications office at the 1990 Labatt Brier, Canadian Men's Curling Championships held in Sault Ste-Marie earlier this year. (VE3TNL photo)



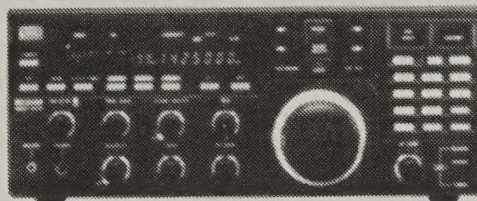
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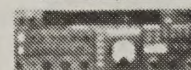


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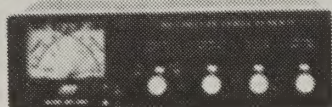
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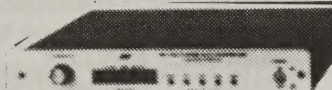
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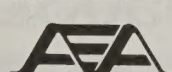
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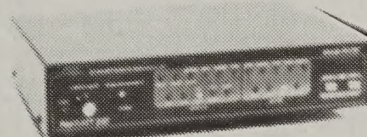
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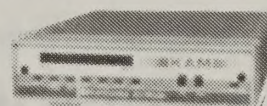
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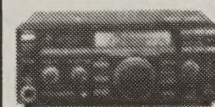
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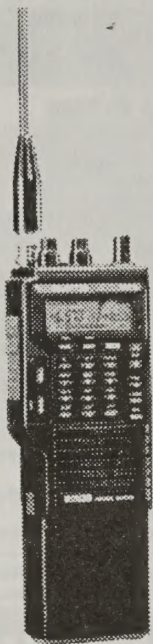
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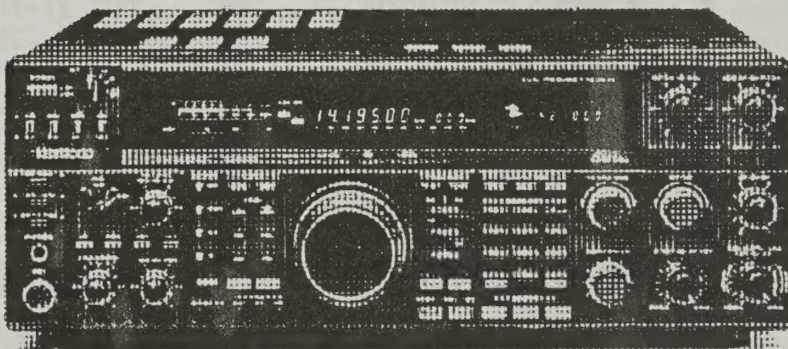
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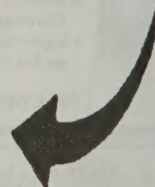
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CRRL and CARF Meet

Members of the CRRL-CARF Merger Committee met in London, Ontario, on Saturday, April 21. Discussions were friendly and productive. Committee members reviewed the constitutions of the two existing organizations and agreed on a basic constitutional framework for a new single Canadian Amateur Radio organization. Next step? The committee planned to forward its recommendations to the CARF and CRRL Boards of Directors for their approval. The CRRL Board was scheduled to meet on May 12. The CARF Board was scheduled to meet on June 17.

RESTRUCTURING UPDATE

□ On Monday, April 23, representatives of CRRL, CARF and DOC met by conference telephone call to discuss progress on Restructuring of the Amateur Service. On line: VE3AGS and VE3GRO for CRRL; VE3CES and VE3NR for CARF; and VE2PPP, VE3JPC and VE3WM for DOC. DOC reconfirmed that restructuring is on track. DOC remains committed to implementing the restructured Amateur Service on October 1 of this year. At that time, all those who hold the current Amateur certificate will be brought into the new structure with full privileges—the same as if they had passed the new basic exam, the new 12-wpm code test and the new advanced technical exam. (Note that it will be possible to qualify for the current Amateur certificate up to September 30 of this year.) Those who hold the current Amateur Digital certificate will receive full VHF/UHF privileges—the same as if they had passed the new basic exam and the new advanced technical exam with no code test.

□ Here is the preferred terminology for the Restructured Amateur Service. Under restructuring, there will be only one certificate: the "Amateur Operator's Certificate". An Amateur Operator's Certificate may show up to four "qualifications": the Basic qualification, the Morse code (5-wpm) qualification, the Morse code (12-wpm) qualification, and the Advanced qualification. Note that DOC will issue a new Amateur Operator's Certificate every time a candidate upgrades and receives an additional qualification.

NEW AMATEUR RADIO MUSEUM

□ CRRL Midwest Director Dave Snyder, VE4XN, reports that the Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum has secured a grant and is proceeding with plans for a display and operating building on the grounds of the Manitoba Agricultural Museum in Austin. Actual construction of the build-

ing was scheduled to begin in May. Purpose of the museum is to collect, preserve, research and exhibit articles related to Amateur Radio and radio communications. At present, the museum has some 400 items. If you have something to donate, or are interested in supporting the museum through a founding membership, contact Dave at 25 Queens Crescent, Brandon, Manitoba R7B 1G1.

9th COMPUTER NETWORKING CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS

□ The 9th Computer Networking Conference, this year a joint ARRL/CRRL venture, will be held in London, Ontario, on Saturday, 1990 September 22. Deadline for receipt of camera-ready papers is 1990 August 06. Topics may include, but are not limited to HF packet investigations, packet satellites, network development, hardware, protocols, software, packet services and future systems. Those wishing to submit papers for this conference should obtain an author's package from Lori Weinburg at ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111, Telephone (203) 666-1541, Fax (203) 665-7531.

□ Some additional information about the Computer Networking Conference. These conferences deal with the leading edge of packet radio (no beginner's forums here, hi) and generally attract 120-150 participants from all over North America. Exact site of this year's conference: the London Regional Art Gallery and Museum overlooking the forks of the Thames River in London, Ontario. London is approximately 200 km (130 miles) east of Detroit or west of Buffalo or Toronto. It is readily accessible by car, rail or air. Registration for this year's conference: \$25 Canadian or \$20 US. Registration includes one copy of conference proceedings and a luncheon. Arrangements have been made with London Centre Radisson Hotel to give conference participants a special rate. For additional details and a registration form, contact Harry MacLean, VE3GRO, 500 Riverside Drive, London, ON N6H 2R7, Tel (519) 473-1668, packet VE3GRO@VE3GYQ.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

□ South of the border, the battle for 220-222 MHz goes on. At press time, briefs for the ARRL Petition for Review were scheduled to be filed with the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia by June 19. Oral arguments were scheduled for October 19.

□ Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DHF, was

recently named Dayton Amateur Radio Association's 1990 Amateur of the Year. Steve is well known for his work in repeater coordination, public service communications and promoting Amateur Radio through the media, and as ARRL Hudson Division Director.

□ David Sumner, K1ZZ, Executive Vice President of ARRL, has been named member of the US FCC's WARC-92 Advisory Committee.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER

□ The CRRL Board of Directors did meet in Rexdale, Ontario, on the weekend of May 17-18. We'll have a full text of the minutes in July *QST Canada*.

□ Once again, International Marconi Day was celebrated on the Saturday closest to Marconi's birthday. This year's event, on Saturday, April 21, saw more stations than ever taking part. All stations had a Marconi connection, and many were operated from sites used by Marconi or his associates in the early part of this century. Included were 1) K1VV/IMD, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where the first US to Europe contact was made, 2) VE1IMD, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, site of the Parks Canada's new Marconi Museum, 3) VO1IMD, Cabot Tower, Signal Hill, St. John's, Newfoundland, where Marconi received the first transatlantic signals, 4) GB4IMD, Poldhu, Cornwall, England, where those first transatlantic signals originated, and 5) DAØIMD, EI2IMD, GBØIMD, GB2IMD, GB2MDI, GB4MDI, IYØTCI, IY1TMM, IY4FGM, and ZS6RSA, all at sites of Marconi's early work. Amateurs who contacted ten of these stations qualified for the Marconi Award, issued by sponsors of International Marconi Day, Cornwall Amateur Radio Club in England.

□ At press time, launch of the STS-35 Space Shuttle, with astronaut Ron Paraise, WA4SIR, on board, was delayed to May 15. Ron was expected to be active on 2-metre FM voice and AFSK packet radio. His packet station, a HK-21 "pocket packet TNC" marketed by Heathkit, was expected to transmit bulletins providing updates on the mission, and also operate in a "robot mode" where stations on the ground could connect to the TNC and obtain a QSO number to validate their contact.

□ A DX note: Contacts with Walvis Bay made after 1977 September 01 now count for DXCC credit. However, ARRL is not accepting cards before 1990 June 01. Cards submitted before this date will be returned without credit being given. ■

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SECTION MANAGER ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to Jim Crooks, VE4JR of Winnipeg, who was recently elected CRRL Manitoba Section Manager. Jim ran unopposed, eliminating the need for a balloted election. He will begin his two-year term of office on July 01.

REPORTS FOR MARCH 1990

Alberta: SM/STM/DEC: Bill Gillespie, VE6ABC; ASM: VE6AMM; SEC/TC: VE6AFO; OO: VE6TY. Amateur Radio stations are being installed and manned by local amateurs at Red Cross locations in Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Red Deer and Calgary. Alberta Public Safety Services conducts another Emergency Site Managers' Course on April 4-5. Band conditions remain poor and NCS are finding problems in reporting monthly totals. Many clubs in Alberta are preparing for annual Field Day.

British Columbia: SM: Ernie Savage, VE7FB. British Columbia Public Service Net: Members have switched their managers. Ford, VE7DDF, is now Net Manager and Jim, VE7JM, is Assistant Net Manager. March check-ins: high-191, low-102, total-4938. British Columbia Emergency Net: Net is looking for a volunteer to become Net Manager. Acting Net Manager Ferdi, VE7EJU, reports 860 check-ins, 259 QTC—the highest for many months. That net activity means lots of traffic. Keep it up. A QNA roll call was introduced. Most members approve of the new format. Vancouver Communications Group held a seminar on the duties of amateurs in time of disaster. One hundred and sixty attended. Clubs: we need more reports of your activities. Thanks for the reports we do receive.

Manitoba: SM: Jack Adams, VE4JA; ASM: VE4IX; SEC: VE4TM; ATC: VE4ADP; NMs: VE4LB, VE4IX, VE4TE. Not much to report this month. Nice to see the snow disappearing. It has been a long, hard winter. Dauphin Amateur Radio Club (DARC) is purchasing UHF radios for its linking system. Hopefully, in the near future, Baldy will be linked with Spearhill and Lundar, and from Lundar to Nepawa or Gimli which will link us to the WRS system. Recently, yours truly accepted a position as Manitoba coordinator of the Interprovincial Amateur Radio Network (IPARN). If you would like information about IPARN, we will be happy to answer your questions. We encourage membership in IPARN and will send out an application form to anyone interested. DARC will hold its fleamarket and model aircraft show on May 26. Should be a good day of bargaining and entertainment.

Maritimes-Newfoundland: Acting SM: Carl Anderson, VE1UU; ASM: Ned Mulrooney, VO1MN; STM: Mel Lever, VE1VX; BM: Brent Taylor, VE1APG. Field Day planners: Don't forget that your Field Day entry gets an easy 100 points for sending a formal message to your Acting Section Manager, VE1UU, during Field Day. See Field Day rules in May QST. Pass your traffic into the Maritimes Phone Net, 3750 kHz, 1900 ADT on Saturday during Field Day. Halifax ARC reminds all Canadian Amateur Radio clubs of the Field Day award jointly sponsored by them and Cowichan Valley (BC) ARC. It consists of a plaque that goes to the highest scoring Canadian Class 2A entry in Field Day. Halifax ARC was last year's winner, and extends a friendly challenge to all Canadian clubs for Field Day '90.

Ontario: SM: Larry Thivierge, VE3GT; BM: VE3GSA; SEC: VE3GV; STM: VE3CYR; TC: VE3EGO; NMs: VE3AJN, VE3BDM, VE3CYR, VE3GSQ, VE3ORN and VE3POJ. Congratulations to Marvin, VE3DQX, who recently marked the 25th anniversary of writing his column, "Current Events" in the *Toronto Star*. For Marvin, it's been "a labour of love" to keep students, and plenty of adults, abreast of history in the making. The column is syn-

Reports invited: CRRL Section Managers (SMs) and their Section-level assistants coordinate traffic handling, emergency communications and bulletin service across Canada. Your SM (name and address appears on page 2 of this *QST Canada*) welcomes reports of individual and club activities for publication in this column. Activities do not have to be related to the CRRL Field Organization or to CRRL.

dedicated to newspapers from Vancouver to New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. The executive of Timmins ARC includes president VE3MNR, and secretary-treasurer VE3LQW. Manitoulin ARC (MARC) is two years old and growing, especially in the summer months when membership swells to about forty. Three repeaters that service MARC: VE3RMI, VE3TOP and VE3LTR. VE2BXP, VE3DTY, VE3LYT and VE3ROD were visitors at a recent Ottawa ARC meeting. The club now has a membership of 187, up from last year. VE3CNE is sponsoring a Hamfoto contest. They will display the most interesting pictures at the station booth. Prizes will be awarded. Closing date for entries: June 30. Send entries to VE3CNE Hamfotos, Box 307, Station H, Toronto, ON M4C 5J2. In case you didn't see the recent packet bulletin, please be sure that when you remove formal NTS traffic from a BBS for local delivery, or for relay by a traffic net or other mode, that you "kill" the message using the KT command. Some stations are not doing this, resulting in multiple deliveries, much to the annoyance of recipients. VE3EFX is sporting a new IC-765. VE3DAN is the new EC for Chatham, replacing VE3FUN. VE3PHL is glad to be back on the air from Thunder Bay after being away for three months. On June 01, it is expected that the three London-area repeaters, VE3LON, VE3MGI and VE3TTT will go on full tone encode/decode using a CTCSS frequency of 114.8 Hz. These repeaters will be joined by VE3NDT in Dorchester on the same date. NM VE3FGT advises that the Laurentian Net has moved to 7055 kHz for the summer months. Starting time remains 2345 EDT. On the satellite front, VE3HFS has worked UAØALA, SM4JWI, DL1CX and HG5BH. Ex-VE3BWN is now relicensed as VE3EEA. VE3CAP's XYL passed her amateur exam and is now VE3PAC. VE3PVE has earned his Advanced. Don't forget that 100 bonus points can be earned by sending your Section Manager a message during Field Day. Have fun during Field Day. Good luck to all participants.

Quebec: SM: Harold Moreau, VE2BP; STM: VE2EDO; SEC: VE2LYC; BM: VE2ALE. VE2QST (operators: VE2BP and VE2WH) will be on the air on Field Day. Congratulations to Bernard, VE2MS, who recently earned USA-CA All Counties Award #640, all on SSB. André, VE2GVS, est maintenant VE2ZT. Espérent vous rencontrer au Field day, comme dans le passé, je serai l'opérateur de VE2QST. Avec regret, j'ai vous annoncer le décès de VE2DMV, VE2OV et VE2YC.

Saskatchewan: SM: Bruce Rattray, VE5RC; ASM: VE5GHC; STM: VE5ELJ; SEC: VE5FY. A number of volunteers are and continue to be very busy putting in countless hours of work and personal money as well, linking repeaters throughout the province. Their efforts are much appreciated. Saskatchewan amateurs are few in number, and money isn't exactly growing on trees. (In Saskatchewan, we have to grow our own trees, hi!) Provincial groups, clubs and individuals could assist these efforts in several ways: equipment donations, club projects to raise money, and your time. Think it over, as everyone will benefit. Right now, packet devotees can access Regina to Saskatoon and reverse via VE5ARG-7 (Avonlea), VE5UJ-3 (Last Mountain), VE5HAN-3 (Hanley), and VE5USR-3 (Saskatoon). Congratulations to Fred, VE5FMW, and Jim, VE5JAL, on obtaining their Advanced licenses. They did it the old-fashioned way—they earned it. So far, no word on the Saskatchewan Provincial Hamfest. Congratulations to Saskatoon ARC which just produced twelve new amateurs through the club's annual radio course. 73! ■

Field Day Notes

□ Don't forget this year's Field Day, scheduled for the weekend of June 23-24. Once again, this year's rules include the provision that any Class A group whose entry classification is two or more transmitters may add one "Novice/Tech operating position" without changing the basic entry classification. For Field Day purposes only, the rules states that any Canadian who has been licensed for less than six month prior to Field Day will be considered to be a Novice to provide a means for Canadian Class A stations to take advantage of this provision. The "Canadian Novice station" must observe US Novice subband, power and mode restrictions. Why not plan to set up this extra station for your newcomers. It offers a great opportunity to introduce newcomers to HF operating while letting them help your Field Day group earn some extra points as well.

□ Speaking of extra points, you can earn a quick 100 points by using "natural power", or by initiating a Field Day message to your CRRL Section Manager. Names of CRRL Section Managers appear on page 2 of this *QST Canada*. ■

Silent Keys—

Conducted By Ray Staines, VE3ZJ

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of these amateurs:

VE1AXX, L A "Tex" Mattinson, Ellershouse, NS
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VE3DME, Alf Armstrong, Trenton, ON
ex-VE3KGC, Harold Sterling, Woodstock, ON
VE3RT, C Ray Thornton, Manotick, ON
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Note: Silent Key reports sent to *QST Canada* must include name, address and call sign of reporter in order to be listed. To avoid unfortunate errors, reports are confirmed only through acknowledgement from the family of the deceased. Thus, those who report a Silent Key may not receive an acknowledgement from *QST Canada*. ■

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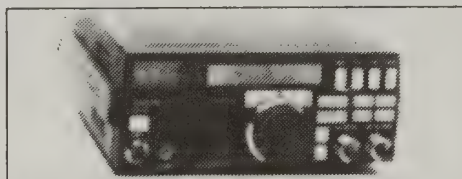
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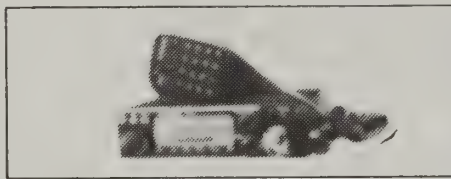
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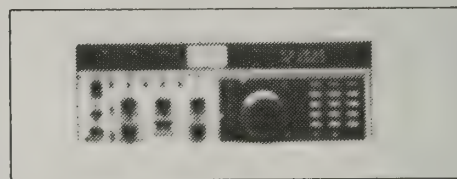
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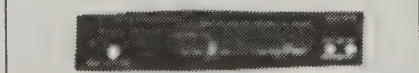
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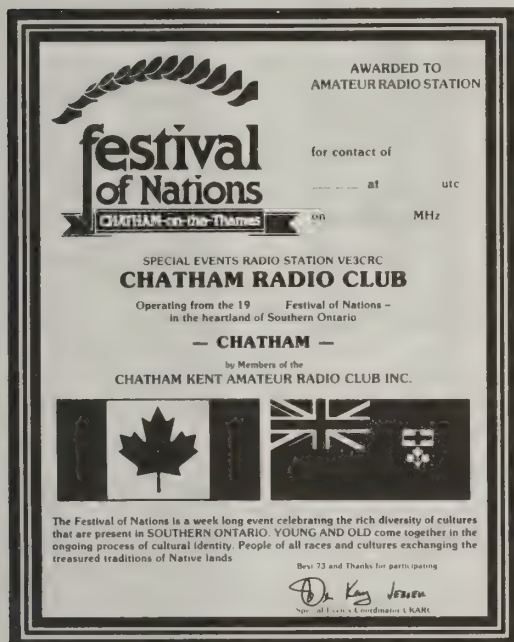
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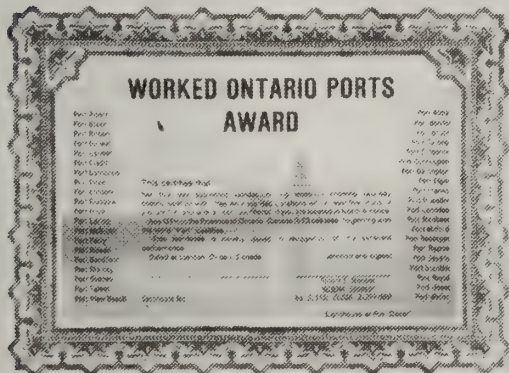
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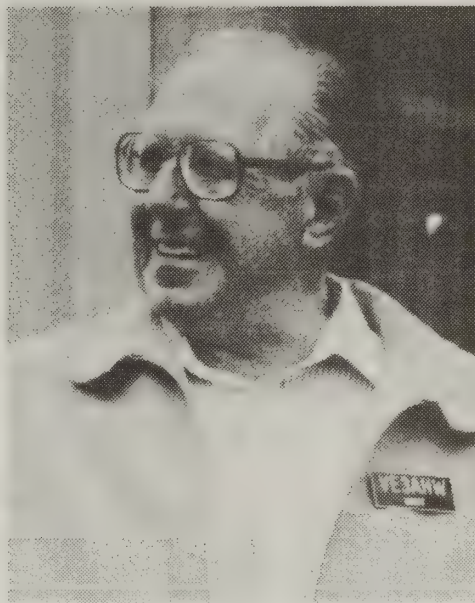
□ When Harry "Sandy" Sanderson, VE3AHW, passed away, his friends made sure he wouldn't be forgotten. Sandy's station is now on display at the Hammond Radio Museum in Guelph, Ontario. Work VE3AHW to receive this special QSL. ➤



□ Each year Chatham-Kent Amateur Radio Club operates VE3CRC from the Festival of Nations—a week-long multi-cultural celebration held in Chatham, Ontario, at the end of June. Work VE3CRC on June 28–30 and receive the handsome certificate shown above.



□ Bob Morden, VE3EIM, is sponsor of the Worked Ontario Ports Award. To qualify, North American amateurs work ten different Ontario stations in places that have the word "port" in their names. Amateurs outside of North America work five such stations. Use fixed, mobile or portable stations, any mode, any band. Contacts must be made after 1990 January 01. Fee for this award, which features a photo of the lighthouse at Port Dover, Ontario, is US \$2 or ten IRCs. Send application to Bob at 106 Renny Cr, London, ON N5E 2C5. ■



HARRY SANDERSON, VE3AHW,
August 12, 1916 – February 18, 1988

known to his many amateur radio friends as "Sandy", was first licensed in October 1938, while residing in Hagersville, Ont.

He was active in the early days of the R.C.A.F. Commonwealth Air Training Programme at the Wireless School #1 in Montreal and later at the Wireless School #4 in Guelph, Ontario.

After overseas service in Europe, he continued service with the R.C.A.F. depots in Claresholm, Alberta, Centralia, Trenton and Clinton, Ontario.

After this faithful service to the R.C.A.F. he retired on November 21st, 1966. (R.C.A.F. #28167, W O 2) with more time available for his hobby of building equipment and operating on the 75 meter band, he soon had the very popular "Sanderson Hour", which is still active on 3762.50 KC, each evening.

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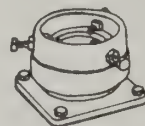
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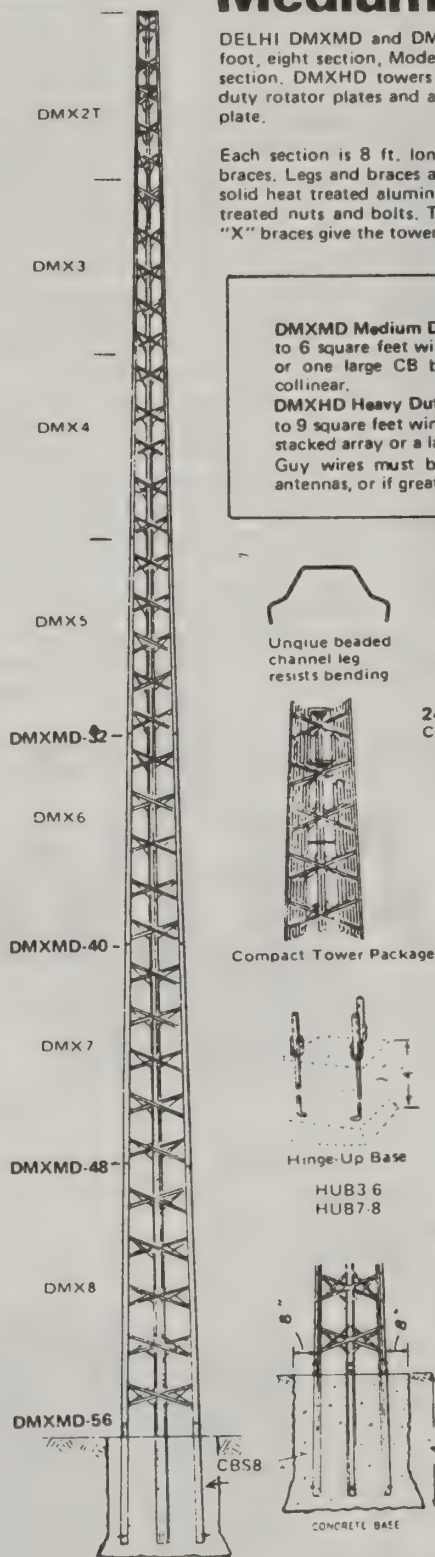
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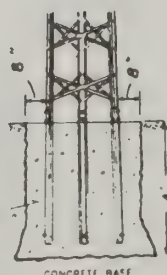


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Random-Wire Antenna

Recent enquires have prompted me to do a writeup on the random-wire antenna I have been using. When I moved into a fourth floor apartment in Montreal in 1982, I encountered limited space. I had an antenna problem.

The diagram illustrates the results of my experiments. It has worked very well on all bands, 7-28 MHz, particularly at the angle shown. The reinforced steel brick apartment wall seems to act as a reflector, as results are better in an easterly direction. Incidentally, the angle was primarily chosen so that if I missed a tree branch, the lead weight would fall back against the brick wall instead of a neighbour's window!

When operating with an antenna tuner, the length of the 52-ohm feeder seems to be important for proper loading and low SWR. The length of the horizontal and vertical sections of rubber-covered wire will also affect loading on the 18- and 24.5-MHz bands. It will probably be necessary to do some adjusting, depending on your situation.

I live in the southeast corner of my building which is seven floors high. I operate a Kenwood TS-830S transceiver and a separate Kenwood antenna tuner rated to handle 200 watts PEP. —Harry Easton, VE2HLE (ex-VE4NW), 412-2420 Benny Cr, Montreal, PQ H4B 2P8

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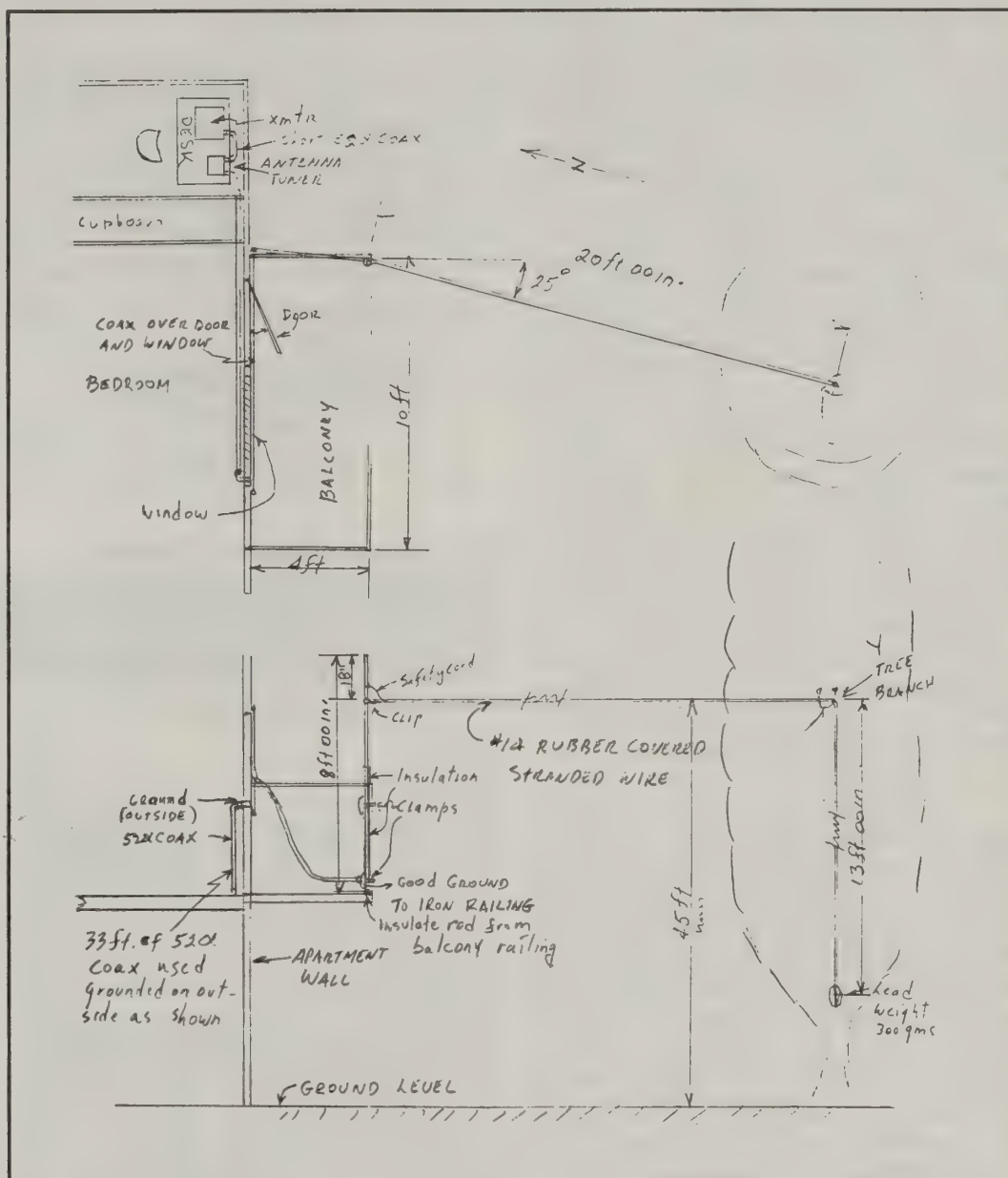
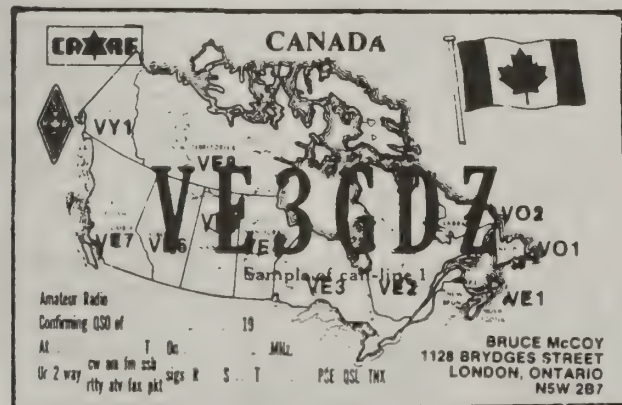


Fig 1—VE2HLE's random-wire antenna, top and side views. (Drawings by the author)

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A Milestone Reached

More than two years has elapsed since I was asked to write a monthly ARES column for Canada's two national Amateur Radio journals. In this, my twenty-fourth column, it is time to review what has been accomplished. Right from the beginning, my objectives have been threefold:

1. To establish the idea that "it can happen here" by describing recent disasters and ARES contributions in dealing with them. Past columns have described hurricanes, earthquakes and an aircraft disaster.

2. To review features and facilities of effective ARES organizations. Subjects covered included emergency plans, identifiers, generators, antennas, telephone trees, communications vehicles and public relations. I have spoken against the ad hoc approach to emergency communications and stressed the importance of training in message handling and net control. Suggestions for the makeup of emergency kits were made. One column was devoted to the important topic of working with volunteers.

3. To provide a medium for exchanging information on ARES activities across Canada. Reports were carried on activities of groups from Quebec to British Columbia. Emergency exercises were described ranging from simple tests of telephone trees to major tests involving several emergency response services. Some columns described how amateurs established ARES groups in their areas. Hopefully, we provided useful tips on how to establish an ARES group or run an emergency exercise. A survey of ARES groups across the country provided a basis for determining how individual groups stacked up.

We would like to pay tribute to the many amateurs who have provided reports for our columns.

What has been accomplished? That is for you to judge. All provinces from Quebec west have been heard from. Amateurs in eight areas have written for information on starting their own ARES groups.

What about the future? I will continue to stress the objectives listed above by reporting developments across the country. Let's just hope that actual disasters are few and far between. However, if recent history is a guide, there will be lots to write about.

One of our new objectives will be to provide coverage of ARES activities in the Atlantic provinces. We know there is lots of activity, but we receive few reports about what is happening. What about it, Atlantic Canada? Let's hear from you.

RECENT EXERCISES

Ken Oelke, VE6AFO, Alberta SEC and CRRL Director, provided these details on an emergency test in Calgary:

"The three Assistant Emergency Coordinators were requested to initiate our telephone tree. We attempted to contact all 70 registered ARES members. Each

member was to originate a message to the Emergency Coordinator. The message was to state year licensed, class of licence and emergency power capability. Those who weren't home but were mobile were contacted via a callout on local repeaters and simplex channels.

"Don Cole, VE6EY, activated the SW area. (Calgary is divided into quadrants.)

Field Organization Reports March 1990

CRRL Section Emergency Coordinator Reports

Reports were received from the following SECs (DECs and ECs reporting to SECs are listed in brackets) denoting a total ARES membership of 922.

Reporting	ARES Members
VE3GV (VE3s DAN, EFX, FOB, GNW, IFF, ITL, ITT, JJA, KXB, LKI, LPM, MB, OZT, SV, TNL)	578
VE4TM	34
VE6AFO	254
VE7FB (VE7BSL)	56

CRRL Section Traffic Manager Reports

Call	Orig	Rcvd	Sent	Divd	Total
VE1BTV	0	11	12	0	23
VE1ADJ	1	10	11	0	22
VE1DLC	0	11	4	4	19
VE1ALU	1	6	6	1	14
VE2BP	4	17	18	17	56
VE2WH	2	11	11	14	38
VE2ALE	0	7	2	0	9
VE3ORN	1	63	51	12	127
VE3BDM	0	75	42	3	120
VE3GT	0	53	40	0	93
VE3DVE	0	33	40	6	79
VE3BCZ	5	27	32	3	67
VE3KK	16	6	38	3	63
VE3GNW	0	25	37	0	62
VE3CYR	0	33	18	0	51
VE3KCZ	4	6	9	3	22
VE3AJN	0	8	13	0	21
VE3LPM	0	7	11	3	21
VE3SB	0	8	9	2	19
VE3EUI	0	8	10	0	18
VE3FGU	0	4	13	0	17
VE3NVJ	0	7	8	2	17
VE3WV	2	4	7	2	15
VE3MNI	0	2	4	1	7
VE3BAJ	0	2	2	2	6
VE4JA	29	56	74	40	202
VE4JR	0	25	25	8	58
VE4STU	0	14	16	3	37
VE4LB	0	13	13	0	26
VE6CE (BC)	1	15	13	3	32
VE6CPP	-	-	-	-	32
VE6XG (BC)	0	7	11	2	20
VE6XG (BC)	0	7	8	2	17
VE6GUS	-	-	-	-	9
VE6ABC	-	-	-	-	6
VE6AKY	-	-	-	-	4
VE7BNI	30	7	105	56	266
VE7EJU	1	101	118	6	226
VE7ANG	2	92	80	7	181
VE7FB	2	25	20	12	59
VE7FAZ	0	22	19	0	41
VE7XA	0	13	23	4	40
VE7CCJ	4	21	9	1	35
VE7BCL	5	18	5	4	32
VE7OM	0	9	19	2	30
VE7ESA	0	12	6	1	19
VE7AVA	2	1	15	0	18

Call	Orig	Rcvd	Sent	Divd	Total
VE7BZI	0	9	8	0	17
VE7AJJ	0	8	2	1	11
VE7FME	0	7	1	0	8
VE7FVG	0	7	0	0	7
VE7WI	0	3	3	0	6

National Traffic System

Net (Mgr)	Sess	QNI	QTC
APN (VE1ADJ)	28	102	71
KTN (VE3AJN)	13	81	6
OLN (VE3POJ)	31	496	31
OPN (VE3BDM)	30	570	126
OQN-D (VE3ORN)	31	98	22
OQN-E (VE3CYR)	30	171	77
OQN-L (VE3GSQ)	24	60	14
MTN (VE4IX)	24	167	14
MEPN (VE4LB)	31	1020	33
MMWX (VE4TE)	31	419	21
APSN (VE6AKY)	31	844	15
ATN (VE6CPP)	31	201	60

Brass Pounders' League

This listing is available to amateurs who report to their SM a traffic total of 500 or a sum of originations and delivery points of 100 or more for any calendar month. All messages must be handled on amateur frequencies, using standard ARRL-CRRL form, within 48 hours of receipt.

BPL: None this month

Public Service Honour Roll

This listing is available to amateurs whose public service performance during the month indicated qualifies for 60 or more points in the following nine categories (as reported to their SM). Please note maximum points for each category: (1) Checking into CW nets, 1 point each, max 30; (2) Checking into phone/RTTY nets, 1 point each, max 30; (3) NCS CW nets, 3 points each, max 12; (4) NCS phone/RTTY nets, 3 points each, max 12; (5) Performing assigned NTS liaison, 3 points each, max 12; (6) Delivering a formal message to a third party, 1 point each, no max; (7) Handling an emergency message, 5 points each, no max; (8) Serving as an EC or NM for an entire month, 5 points max; (9) Participating in a public-service event, 5 points each, no max. Amateurs who qualify for Public Service Honour Roll 12 consecutive months, or 18 months out of a 24-month period, will be awarded a special certificate from CRRL Headquarters.

PSHR: VE4JA (146), VE4LB (106), VE3GNW (101), VE3BDM (95), VE3ORN (93), VE4STU (75), VE7ANG (66), VE7EJU (59)

Service and Specialized Nets

Independent Net Managers: Your monthly reports are welcomed. Send to CRRL, Box 7009, Station E, London, ON N5Y 4J9.

Net (Mgr)	Sess	QNI	QTC
ARES Canada (VE3GV)	4	99	1
ARES Ontario (VE3GV)	1	5	0
CRRL ONTARIO (VE3FQV)	31	10321	0
Grey-Bruce (VE3BDM)	31	95	17
Grey-Bruce SS (VE3BDM)	31	106	31
Laurentian (VE3FGT)	31	-	2
Transprovincial (VE3EUI)	31	8898	1
ARES Alberta (VE6AKY)	31	95	17

Thirteen out of 25 registered amateurs were home. Frank Devitte, VE6ANL, activated the NW area. Ten out of 21 were home. Randy Rowe, VE6BOJ, activated the NE and SE areas. Eleven out of 24 were home. Thus, over fifty per cent plus the mobiles were reached quickly. This would be an excellent turnout in any kind of emergency.

"The formal written traffic seemed to flow fairly well, though a great deal of "net tutoring" was needed. Formal traffic handling improved from 7% in our last exercise to about 75%, but there was still considerable room for improvement. Another area for improvement: the average length of the messages sent to answer the three questions was 16 words—a bit too long. This should have been eight to ten words, including the 'X-rays'."

Niagara EC Bill Wilson, VE3OZT, provided this report on a recent exercise:

"An aircraft was reported down along the Canadian shore of Lake Erie. Amateurs were requested to come onto the VE3NRS, the Niagara Peninsula ARC repeater, and give their estimated time of arrival at the search site. VE3VM, with VE3OZT as net control, activated the telephone tree. Within 80 minutes, 66 stations checked in. Most could have been in the search area within an hour. Mobile homes and trailers, several small boats and even an aircraft were volunteered. If the exercise had been real, we would have had a complete repeater system, portable and independent, in the area. This exercise revealed some minor problems with the telephone tree, which will be addressed, and a need for coordination with area repeaters."

Hastings County EC John Lester, VE3MB, sent in a comprehensive report on a recent exercise:

"Our operation used repeater VE3RAA in Picton, and involved Prince Edward County EC Ed Goodier, VE3KKX, and VE3GTF in Picton. Fifteen Hastings County amateurs participated. The test proved our ability to handle traffic between eight strategic points in the counties to places elsewhere. Through VE3AUU and VE3CTP, two high-power HF links were available. Through the VE3RTR repeater at Baltimore and the VE3ULR link, a direct line to Toronto and Queen's Park (Ontario government buildings) was established.

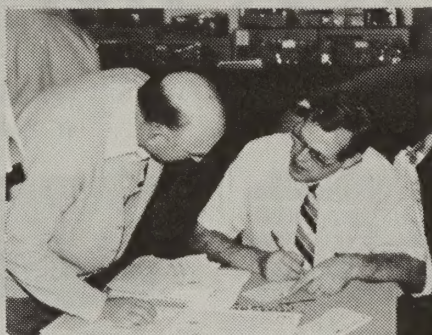
"To provide a link if a weather emergency had been involved, two amateurs were at VE3YTR, the VHF station at CFB Trenton. VE3ALC at Loyalist College, Kingston, was also part of the net, to help with health and welfare traffic. Net control was out of town at VE3MB's home in Foxboro. The repeater, HF stations and net control stations were all equipped for battery-only operation. All tactical stations had handheld transceivers for use if required."

John concluded: "Congratulations to all who came out and made the exercise a successful demonstration of Amateur Radio communications ability. The enthusiastic support given by county-area police forces and civic leaders helps make us a working emergency team ready to assist our communities." —Bob Boyd, VE3SV

ARES is a branch of the CRRL Field Organization, although you do not have to be a CRRL member to take part. It is hoped that this column, which also appears in The Canadian Amateur, will serve as an ongoing source of news and information about ARES activities across Canada. ARES members, particularly ECs, are invited to send information on what they are doing and developments they would like to share. We will pull this together for future columns with the objective of increasing our ability to serve, should disaster strike. ■

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boys trying to be grown up. They struggle against the static and the QRM, but eventually, they have to give way to a carrier equal to the task.

Every AM operator wants a carrier that will turn heads. It's like driving an XK-120. Big class-C final amplifiers and high-level plate modulators are the essence of striving in AM. And like the XK-120, the plate-modulated kilowatt in the six-foot black kinkle-finish rack, with a nice row of meters, all matching, is the sign of having arrived.

The balanced modulator kicked all this out of Amateur Radio. Hooking up grids in push-pull and plates in parallel and applying audio to screen grids was an act of violence against the essence of Amateur Radio phone. It was comparable in mischief to putting closed cabins on airplanes and automatic transmissions in cars—fine if all you want is *efficiency* or the capability of carrying out a mundane task in a mundane way in record time. But if it's an *experience* you want, if you want to get a *kick* out of your hobby, you have to select a technology that will give it to you, and not withhold it in the name of narrowness and niggardly conservation. You have to splurge a little.

Everyone has noticed that the current generation of transceivers have an AM position on them. These little creations do actually work on AM, and they are tolerated wherever AM is in use. But don't be fooled. Putting a Japanese transceiver on AM in the august presence of a Johnson 500 or a Globe King is not really AM operation in the true sense. Continuing the sports car analogy, this is a little like driving a Miata when you really want an MG-TC or a TR-3. The Miata is a cute car and the top comes off, but the ambience of the 40s and 50s just isn't there.

If you like the idea of trying AM, find or build some gear that once roamed the bands in its youthful vigor. Don't bother with controlled-carrier or grid modulation. Go for high-level plate. Don't bump up the power of your new AM transmitter with a SSB linear. It isn't the same as the real thing. If you are a new amateur and want to start small, get a Johnson Ranger or an AF-67. If you want to build a little, find a modulator circuit in a 1955 *Radio Amateur's Handbook* and plate modulate a DX-35 or AT-1. Of course, be careful. There are high voltages in this kind of equipment, and high voltages can kill. But living a bit dangerously to partake of the mystery and romance of the carrier is worth the risk. Enjoy. —William Skidmore, VE3AUI

VE3AUI, who lives near Hyde Park, Ontario, is a retired professor who drives a TR-3. Your editor, who drives an MGB, often thinks he would like a Miata. ■

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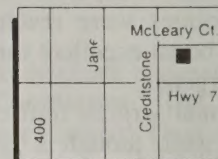
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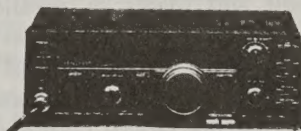
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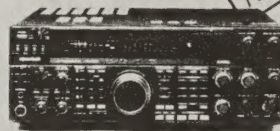
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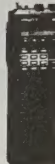


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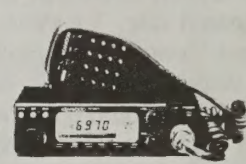
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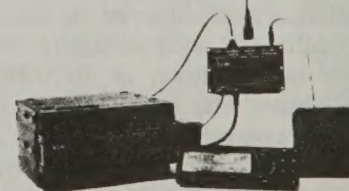
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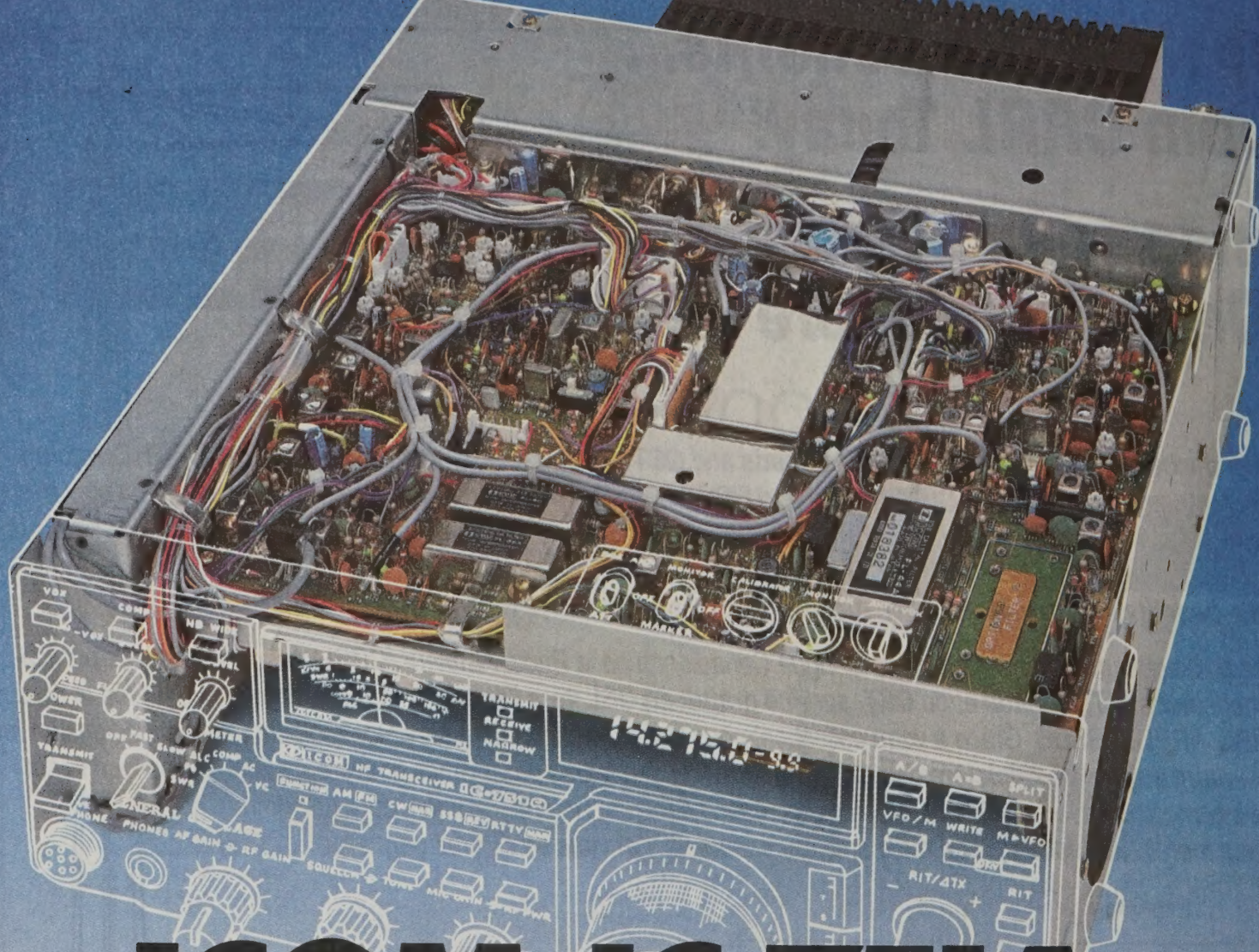
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